GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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IMPORT OF EDIBLE OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of various edible oils imported during the last three years till date alongwith the foreign exchange spent thereon;

(b) the existing situation of demand and supply of the edible oil in the country;

(c) whether the edible oil reserve has decreased due to the adulterartion in mustard oil; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): The quantity and value of various edible oils imported in the country during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Qty. in MT	Value (in Rs. Lakh)
1999-2000	4195638	804605.37
2000-2001	3974638	593275.74
2001-2002(upto Dec.2001)	3468008	503408.80

(b): The net availability of edible oils from all domestic sources has been less than the demand of edible oils due to less production of oilseeds necessitating import of edible oils.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.